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**EPA Extends Public Comment Period on Proposal for Groundwater
Cleanup at
Omega Chemical Corporation Superfund Site**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has approved a request to extend the comment period an additional 30 days for the Proposed Plan (Plan) to address human health and environmental risks posed by contaminated groundwater at the Omega Chemical Corporation Superfund Site (Site) in Whittier, CA. **The new comment period is from August 23, 2010 to October 21, 2010.**

The Plan describes cleanup alternatives and EPA's Preferred Alternative to contain the large plume of contaminated groundwater that extends approximately four and one-half miles south-southwest of the former Omega property. This area of the Site is designated as Operable Unit 2 (OU-2). EPA will select an interim remedy for OU-2 after reviewing and considering all information received during the now 60-day public comment period.

The public is encouraged to **submit comments** in writing at any time during the comment period by email, fax or mail postmarked **no later than October 21, 2010** to:

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The following alternatives are explained more in the Proposed Plan fact sheet and in detail in the RI/FS report. Each, except the "No Action" alternative, includes a groundwater extraction and treatment system to contain the plume, treat the water and provide the treated water for a beneficial end use.

Alternative 1: No Action

Alternative 2: Leading-edge Extraction with Drinking Water End Use

Alternative 3: Plume-wide Extraction with Reclaimed Water End Use

Alternative 4: Plume-wide Extraction with Reinjection

Alternative 5: Plume-wide Extraction with Spreading Basin Recharge

Alternative 6 is EPA's Preferred Alternative: Plume-wide Extraction with Drinking Water End Use

Proposed Plan fact sheets and the Administrative Record file, which contains documents used by EPA to develop and evaluate the cleanup alternatives, are available at the Whittier Public Library, 7344 S. Washington Avenue, Whittier, CA, (562) 464-3450. To view the final RI/FS report or Proposed Plan fact sheet online, go to: www.epa.gov/region09/OmegaChemical

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